

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 11-20 are pending in the application. Of these, claims 11, 12 and 14-20 are currently under consideration. Claim 13 has been withdrawn.

In the Office Action, the specification and claims were deemed to contain informalities. In addition, claims 11, 12 and 14-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,478,122 ("Demoise Jr., et al."). The Office Action and cited references have been carefully considered. In view of the foregoing amendments, and the following remarks, Applicants submit that the objections and rejections are traversed.

Interview

Applicants gratefully appreciate the Examiner's participation in the telephone interview that took place on December 6, 2006. As noted in the Interview Summary dated December 14, 2006, a tentative agreement was reached regarding a proposed amendment to claim 11. The amendment to claim 11 is submitted herewith.

Election/Restrictions

Claim 13 has been withdrawn from consideration. Applicants are canceling claim 13 without prejudice, and reserve the right to pursue claim 13 in a subsequent application.

Specification

The substitute specification was objected to based on an informality. Applicants are submitting a Second Substitute Specification containing amendments to replace the word "said" with the definite article "the." Two of these revisions, which appear on pages 4 and 8, also add the words "brake pad" in order to complete the sentence. The omission of the words "brake pad" was inadvertent. The amendments to the specification all relate to form, and add no new subject matter. Entry of the Second Substitute Specification is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claim 12 has been amended to incorporate the suggested revision for consistency. In addition, claim 16 has been amended to incorporate the suggested revision regarding the "radial brake pad." Applicants believe that these amendments should resolve any objections to claims 12 and 16-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

The amendments to claims 12 and 16 relate to form, not patentability, and therefore are not intended to surrender any subject matter. No new matter has been added by the amendments.

Claim Rejections

Applicants have amended claim 11 to more clearly recite the claimed brake holder. In particular, claim 11 was amended to recite a cantilevered spring arm at the brake pad guide spring that bears radially inwardly against the brake pad under a spring bias, the cantilevered spring arm being bendable against the spring bias and toward the holder arm on which it is arranged to facilitate mounting of the brake pad onto the brake holder in a generally radial direction. This amendment was discussed with and tentatively approved by the Examiner during a telephonic interview on December 6, 2006.

Support for the amendment to claim 11 is provided in sections of Applicants' specification, including but not limited to the section spanning from page 7, line 16 to page 9, line 30, and the example illustrated in Figure 1b. No new matter has been added.

Demoise Jr., et al. does not disclose the elements recited in amended claim 11. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 11 is allowable over Demoise Jr. et al.

Claims 12 and 14-20 are dependent on claim 11 and incorporate all the elements recited in claim 11. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 12 and 14-20 are allowable over Demoise, Jr. et al. for at least the same reason that claim 11 is allowable. Applicants have amended claim 15 to replace the word "pads" with the word "pad" to be consistent with the amendments to claim 11. No new matter has been added.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in form for allowance. If the Examiner believes there are any other matters preventing allowance at this time, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at (610) 407-0700.

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